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FOLLOWING REPEAT PRETORIA 3611 ACTION STATE JUNE 27.

QUOTE E C R E T PRETORIA 3611

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FOR SAS, AF

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADORS SMITH AND EDMONDSON'S DISCUSSION

JUNE 27 WITH BOTHA, ROUX AND FOURIE

1. SMITH PASSED ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S REGARDS WHICH
WERE MUCH APPRECIATED.

2. BOTHA ASKED US TO SUMMARIZE STATE OF TALKS.

3. WE THOUGH WE HAD CLARIFIED SEVERAL QUESTIONS OF
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IMPORTANCE TO SAG OFFICIALS.

4. THE QUESTION OF OUR INABILITY TO EXPORT TECHNOLOGY
FOR ENRICHMENT SEEMED A STICKY POINT. WE HAVE NO LEEWAY
ON THIS BUT WE HAVE NEVER EXPORTED ENRICHMENT HARDWARE
OR TECHNOLOGY TO ANY NATION. BOTHA REPEATEDLY ASKED IF
IT WAS CERTAIN THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DISCRIMINATION

AGAINST SAG ON THIS SCORE. WE ASSURED HIM THERE WOULD NOT BE.

5. BOTHA ASKED ABOUT NEXT STEPS, POINTOUT THAT FIRST SA CABINET MEETING ABOUT 1ST AUGUST. DISCUSSION SEEMED TO ASSUME THAT US PROPOSAL AS MAY BE LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTABLE. WE URGED ACTION SOON.

6. BOTHA MADE WEAK PLEA FOR BROADER ASSURANCE AGAINST UN ACTION THAT I WAS INSTRUCTED TO GIVE (AND OF WHICH I ADVISED HIM VERBATIM). BOTHA DID NOT GIVE IMPRESSION SUCH BROADER ASSURANCE WILL BE MADE A CONDITION OF A NUCLEAR SETTLEMENT BUT THIS CANNOT YET BE RULED OUT. HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AND SUBJECT WAS QUICKLY CHANGED. BOTHA MADE IMPORTANT POINT RE WORLD WIDE SIGNIFICANCE IF SAG ACCEDED TO NPT.

7. MEETING ENDED WITH SAG PROTESTATIONS OF INNOCENCE RE PRESS LEAK JUNE 27. JOHANNESBURG STAR. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THEY ARE NOT CULPRITS.

8. SECRETARY VANCE'S COMPLIMENTS MUCH APPRECIATED BY BOTHAOTHA. EDMONDSON UNQUOTE VANCE

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